

USA Comments

Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

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CHAPTER 4.1.7.

**General Comment:** The United States supports the changes proposed for this chapter. We are recommending some changes to the syntax for clearer understanding. These few changes are shown in "red font" or as strike troughs.

**CRAYFISH PLAGUE**

Article 4.1.7.4.

**Crayfish plague free country**

A country may make a *self-declaration of freedom* from crayfish plague if it meets the conditions in points 1, 2, 3 or 4 below.

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4. A country that has previously made a *self-declaration of freedom* from crayfish plague but in which the *disease* is subsequently detected may ~~not~~ make a *self-declaration of freedom* from crayfish plague again ~~until~~ **when** the following conditions have been met:
  - a) on detection of the *disease*, the affected area was declared an *infected zone* and a *buffer zone* was established; and
  - b) infected populations have been destroyed or removed from the *infected zone* by means that minimise the risk of further spread of the *disease*, and the appropriate *disinfection* procedures (see *Aquatic Manual*) have been completed; and
  - c) *targeted surveillance*, as described in Chapters 1.1.4. and X.X.X. of the *Aquatic Manual*, has been in place for at least the past 5 years without detection of *A. astaci*.

In the meantime, part of the non-affected area may be declared a free *zone* provided that ~~they~~ **such** meets the conditions in point 3 of Article 4.1.7.5.

Article 4.1.7.5.

**Crayfish plague free zone or free compartment**

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4. A ~~zone~~ previously declared free from crayfish plague but in which the *disease* is detected may ~~not~~ be declared free from crayfish plague again ~~until~~ **when** the following conditions have been met:
  - a) ...

Article 4.1.7.8.

**Importation of live aquatic animals for aquaculture from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from crayfish plague**

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3. For the purposes of the *Aquatic Code*, the ICES Guidelines may be summarised to the following main points:
  - a) identify stock of interest (cultured or wild) in its current location;
  - b) evaluate stock ~~2s~~ health/*disease* history;
  - c) ...